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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 4414

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SUBJECT: TURK FONMIN VISIT TO PRC, MALAYSIA AND THAILAND

1. MFA EASTERN DEPT DIR TEZEL, DURING JUNE 6 COURTESY
CALL BY TURKISH DESK OFFICER KIRBY AND EMB OFFICER, CONFIRMED
PRESS REPORT THAT GOT FONMIN TURAN GUNES WOULD BEGIN
OFFICIAL VISIT ON JULY 13 TO PRC, MALAYSIA AND THAILAND.
TRIP HAS NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY.

2. CONCERNING PRC, TEZEL OBSERVED THAT INVITATION HAS BEEN
OUTSTANDING SINCE JANUARY 1973 AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE
VIEWED AS SPECIAL INITIATIVE OF ECEVIT GOVT. GOT-PRC
RELATIONS WERE PROGRESSING WELL, HE SAID. PEKING, WHICH
TENDE TO SEE THINGS IN HISTORICAL TERMS, RECALLED TURKEY'S
CENTURIES-OLD RESISTANCE TO RUSSIAN EXPANSION, AS WELL AS
ASIAN ORIGIN OF TURKS AND FACT MANY TURKS STILL LIVING IN
CHINA. TURKEY'S POLICY TOWARDS PRC, REMARKED TEZEL,
HAD ITS OWN DYNAMICS AND WAS NOT CALCULATED TO AFFECT
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POLICY TOWARDS USSR ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. GOT EXPORTS TO

PRC WERE GROWING; LAST YEAR TURKS HAD SOLD \$30 MILLION WORTH OF GOODS, MOSTLY COTTON AND CHROMIUM, TO PRC FOR CASH BUT HAD BOUGHT ONLY ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS WORTH IN RETURN.

3. FOLLOWING PEKING VISIT, GUNES WILL CONTINUE ON TO KUALA LUMPUR, WHERE TURKEY HOPES TO OPEN AN EMB (TURK AMB BANGKOK CURRENTLY IS ACCREDITED TO MALAYSIA). GUNES IS BY THIS TRIP MAKING AMENDS FOR NOT ATTENDING JUNE 20-25 ISLAMIC FONMINS' CONFERENCE AT KUALA LUMPUR (HE WILL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TURK POLICY, SEND INSTEAD MFA SEC GEN EREZ TO CONFERENCE).

4. FINALLY, TEZEL SAID, VISIT TO THAILAND WAS IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION EXTENDED LAST YEAR TO THEN FONMIN BAYULKEN. MACOMBER

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